Earmarking of Office Flats for Registered Youth Educational and Social Organisations in Naraina Vihar

1159. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority in its recently completed Community Centre at Ring Road, Naraiana Vihar, New Delhi, has earmarked Some small office flats for registered Youth, Educational and Social Organisations at concessional reserved rent under the recently announced Prime Minister's Programmes for Youth upliftment and for their better avenues; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delhi Development Authority does not let out office flats on rent.

Natural pesticides from Neem tree

1160. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Margosan-o concentrate from the Neem tree is believed to be effective against broad range of insects which have proven resistant to many chemical pesticides;

(b) whether it is also a fact that chemical companies of other countries are in search of natural pesticides as synthetic ones are increasingly causing health problems;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a U.S. company has acquired the process patents and trademarks for a natural insecticide from the Neem tree, abundant in India; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far for manufacturing of such natural pesticides in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) There are claims to this effect in the U.S.A.

(b) There are reports to this effect.

(c) According to a booklet issued by the Company, it holds an USA patent.

(d) Two natural pesticides, namely, Nicotine sulphate extracted from tobacco plants and Pyrethrins from *Chrysanthemum* flowers are already registered for manufacture and use in India. National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, has successfully developed enriched extract (Neemrich-I) which has high and persistent anti-oviposition activity against adult insects and short term but high anti-feedant activity against larvae of potato tuber moth. A simple chemical process for small-scale industry has been developed for commercial production of Neemrich-I. Also M/s. Herringer Bright Chemical Pvt. Ltd., Pune, are actively engaged in the development of the product 'Indiara', which is prepared from different plant materials.

Import of cereals and foodgrains

1161. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cereals and food grains imported in the country duirng the last two years;

(b) the value of these imports along with the names of countries from which imports were made; and

(c) the quantity and the value of foodgrains and cereals exported during this period along with the names of those countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b) There was no import of wheat and rice during 1987-88. However, a quantity of 31,000 tonnes of maize from Yugoslavia valued at approximately US $ 3.44 million was imported during 1987-88. During 1988-89, 20.11 lakh tonnes of wheat from USA at an approximate FOB cost of US $ 243.36 million, 6.84 lakh tonnes of rice from Thailand at an approximate FOB cost of US $ 166.76 million and 78,189 tonnes of maize from Argentina valued at approximately US $ 10.15 million were imported. In addition a quantity of about 2 lakh tonnes of maize was received as aid from USA during 1988-89.

(c) A quantity of approximately 4.90 lakh tonnes of wheat including loan and gift valued at about Rs. 75.42 crores was exported to North Korea, Vietnam, Nepal, Iran and African cuntries during 1987-88. During 1988-89, a quantity of 1,000 tonnes of wheat valued at about Rs. 23 lakhs was gifted to African countries on Government account.

The details of other items exported during the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 are given as under:—

Item	1986-87		1987-88		Country to which exported
	Qty. (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. lakhs)	Qty. (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. lakhs)	
Basmati rice	330611	30788	237153	20678	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, USA, Canada, UK, Germany FR, Netherlands, France, USSR.
Other rice	22808	1237	2689	132	Saudi Arabia, Oman, UAE, Kuwait.
Maize	50	1	10	Negligible	Saudi Arabia.
Bajra	5887	149	2408	66	Saudi Arabia, UAE.
Jowar	782	22	930	24	Saudi Arabia, UAE.
Ragi	52	3	74	2	Malaysia, Singapore.

गुजरात में धर्मार्थ औषधालय

1162. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को गुजरात राज्य के धर्मार्थ औषधालयों के महासंघ से कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं; यदि हां, तो यह कब प्राप्त हुआ था और उसका ब्योरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उनके अभ्यावेदन पर विचार किया है, इस पर कब तक विचार किया जायेगा और निर्णय लिया जायेगा?